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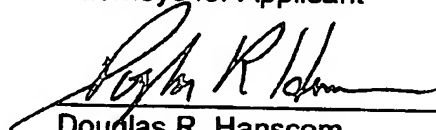
Several of the independent claims pending in the subject U.S. patent application have been amended to provide the applicant with the scope of claim protection to which he is believed to be entitled. Several additional dependent claims have been added. The additional filing fee of \$150.00 is being paid by the enclosed check No. 19734.

Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment into the subject U.S. patent application, prior to an examination of the application on the merits, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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